



## Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 29 May 2008

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- The Associated Press reports that an Iranian-born naturalized U.S. citizen who worked as an engineer at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station was convicted of illegally accessing a protected computer. The man quit his job in 2006 and brought a laptop to Iran containing training software with design schematics and other plant details. (See item [5](#))
- The Telegraph reports that CDC researchers have discovered a strain of the bird flu that appears to be moving towards developing traits that make human transmission more possible. The virus shows “the same strong sugar binding properties” that have characterized previous pandemics (See item [27](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical**: ELEVATED, **Cyber**: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *May 28, Bloomberg* – (International) **Oil rises after Morgan Stanley says Brent oil may reach \$150.** Crude oil rose after Morgan Stanley said that North Sea Brent oil could “easily” reach \$150 a barrel. Oil climbed above \$130 a barrel last week for the first time after Societe Generale SA and Credit Suisse increased their price targets on May 20, and Goldman Sachs raised its outlook to \$141 a barrel for the second-half of 2008 on May 16. New York oil traded between \$129.93 and \$125.96 Wednesday. “Prices are swinging wildly back and forth, which indicates that the market needs to find equilibrium,” said the director of research at a Houston firm. “There has been no news

to explain these moves.”

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=a00wa7.raKFY&refer=energy>

2. *May 28, Hess Corporation* – (National) **Mexican output ‘declining.’** Oil output from Mexico may not meet the targets set. According to Dow Jones Newswires, the country’s target of producing some three million barrels per day is slipping further away, as output has once again fallen and now stands at a nine-year low. The news provider notes that output is not likely to rise in coming months, as facilities will be increasingly affected by hurricanes throughout the next quarter. “People in Pemex think it will continue to keep falling in the short term,” an expert on the company and publisher of *Energia* told Dow Jones. Apparently, some 83 percent of Mexico’s oil fields are in decline or about to reach peak production. Mexico is also concerned about deepwater oil reserves in the Gulf draining into U.S. waters, where a number of oil majors have drilling operations.

Source: <http://www.hessenergy.com/common/NewsItem.aspx?ArticleId=18612089>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

3. *May 27, KTKA 49 Topeka* – (Kansas) **Thieves try to steal chemical for meth.** Early Tuesday morning, thieves came to a Topeka neighborhood plant off Highway 24 looking for anhydrous ammonia. It is a chemical used to help plants grow in farming, but it can also be used to make methamphetamine. The plant had two thefts of anhydrous in just one week. That makes some neighbors nervous because the chemical is extremely toxic. When it is mishandled it can burn a person’s skin, freeze their eyes or even liquefy their lungs if the gas form is directly breathed in. Emergency officials were at the plant Tuesday to make sure the anhydrous did not spread. The plant has tried to increase its security measures by storing anhydrous in bigger, more secure tanks.

Source: [http://www.ktk.com/news/2008/may/27/thieves\\_try\\_steal\\_chemical\\_meth/](http://www.ktk.com/news/2008/may/27/thieves_try_steal_chemical_meth/)

4. *May 27, United Press International* – (National) **New films can reveal traces of explosives.** Researchers at the University of California-San Diego (UCSD) say new spray-on polymer films they have developed might become the basis of portable devices that can spot nitrogen-based explosives. The researchers said contaminated fingerprints leave dark shadows on the films, which glow blue under ultraviolet light. One film can distinguish between different classes of explosive chemicals – a property they said may provide evidence to help solve a crime, or prevent one. Detection relies on fluorescent polymers developed at UCSD by a professor and a graduate student.

Source:

[http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Science/2008/05/27/new\\_films\\_can\\_reveal\\_traces\\_of\\_explosives/5441/](http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Science/2008/05/27/new_films_can_reveal_traces_of_explosives/5441/)

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

5. *May 28, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Jury convicts Iranian engineer of accessing computer to use software from U.S. nuclear plant.** An engineer from Iran was convicted Tuesday of illegally accessing a protected computer in the U.S. to use training software he obtained at a former job at a nuclear power plant in Arizona. The jury deadlocked on two other counts against the man: stealing protected software and illegally exporting the software in violation of the U.S. trade embargo with Iran. A retrial was set for August 1. The man, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Iran, ran afoul of the law in 2006, when he quit his job at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station and brought a laptop to Iran containing training software with design schematics and other details of the plant, prosecutors said. Palo Verde officials said the information the man obtained did not pose a security threat. The defense attorney said the man was not taken into custody.  
Source: <http://www.pr-inside.com/jury-convicts-iranian-engineer-of-accessing-r610742.htm>
6. *May 28, Associated Press* – (New York) **Indian Point contractor arrested for gun possession.** Authorities say they arrested a contractor at the Indian Point nuclear power plant for carrying a loaded .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun on site. The man was charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Authorities say the Greensburg, Pennsylvania, resident told them he “just forgot” he had the weapon. The man is an employee of a company helping to move spent fuel. A state police investigator says he does not think there “was any malice here.” He says he believes that the man was telling the truth when he said he forgot he had the weapon. Plant owner Entergy says the man will not be allowed to return to work at the site.  
Source:  
<http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080528/NEWS01/80528007>
7. *May 27, Valley Beautiful Beacon* – (National) **NFS working hard to improve ‘Event Notifications’ with NRC.** In a document entitled, “Event Notification Report for May 12, 2008,” the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Operations Center released public reports of events occurring at regulated facilities around the country over the past several years. The report noted that due to the 9/11 attack on the nation, the individual reports were originally withheld from public release under the NRC’s policy for protecting sensitive unclassified information. The report further states that none of the event notifications were “new,” but instead included incidents between January 1, 2004, and December 2007. Only a few of the later reports provided occurred in 2008, and none were related to Nuclear Fuel Services (NFS). Approximately 30 events involved NFS. The Event Notification Report is available at the NRC website. The information contained is basically a revision of previously reported incidents in the nuclear industry.  
Source: <http://www.vbbeacon.com/vnews/display.v/ART/2008/05/27/483c29e93fed6>

## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

8. *May 28, Strategy Page* – (National) **How China got the F-16 secrets.** American intelligence officials have confirmed what has long been suspected, that the new Chinese J-10 fighter was built using Israeli technology. Russian engineers also say that the J-10 had such technology. The J-10 looks something like the American F-16, and weighs about the same. Like the F-16, the J-10 has only one engine. It is no accident that the J-10 resembles the F-16, because Israel apparently sold them technology for their Lavi jet fighter. Israel had abandoned the Lavi project because of the high cost and availability of cheaper alternatives (buying F-16s and F-15s from the U.S.). But the Lavi was meant to be a super F-16, and incorporated a lot of design ideas from the F-16. Russian engineers say that China had one of the Lavi prototypes. Pakistan is believed to have provided the Chinese with one of their F-16s for examination. There does appear to be a lot of F-16 technology in the J-10.

Source: <http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htintel/articles/20080528.aspx>

9. *May 28, Strategy Page* – (National) **The mob calls for M-4 tests.** At the recent International Infantry and Joint Services Small Arms Systems Symposium, attended by senior U.S. infantry officers, as well as top executives from manufacturers of military rifles and accessories, there was a general call for a competition to see if the current M-4 (5.56mm) assault rifle was the best weapon for the job. The U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) has already selected another 5.56mm weapon (SCAR) to replace its M-16s and M-4s. The president of Colt, the manufacturer of the M-4, pointed out the lack of complaints from the troops, and high ratings in user surveys. But the consensus seemed to be for a comprehensive competition to settle the issue once and for all. Since September 11, 2001, there have been growing calls to reconsider the type of assault rifle, and ammo, used by American troops.

Source: <http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htweap/articles/20080528.aspx>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

10. *May 28, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Secretary of State issues scam warning.** The Massachusetts Secretary of State is warning consumers about a scam that offers the promise of winning a \$250,000 sweepstakes but seems to be a scheme to obtain personal financial information. The official indicated that he was prompted to issue the warning following reports to the Securities Division of his office by people who said they have received letters with a \$4,620 check in them with instructions to call a “service tax” agent and provide financial information. The check, which is supposed to be used to pay a “non-resident government service tax,” appears to be “fake,” the secretary’s office said. The current version of the scam claims to come from Newfoundland, and it announces a “compensation draw” for the “Sweepstakes Association of North America,” the official’s office said. “Unsolicited notices like this should always raise an immediate red flag” he said in a statement.

Source: [http://www.boston.com/business/ticker/2008/05/galvin\\_issues\\_s\\_3.html](http://www.boston.com/business/ticker/2008/05/galvin_issues_s_3.html)

## **Transportation Sector**

11. *May 28, Kyoto News International* – (International) **Repair error led to ANA plane's 2007 nose-landing.** A repair error by Canadian aircraft manufacturer Bombardier Aerospace led to the March 2007 nose-landing of an All Nippon Airways (ANA) passenger plane at Kochi airport in western Japan, transport ministry investigators said in a report released Wednesday. Aircraft and Railway Accidents Investigation Commission investigators said maintenance workers failed to attach a bolt while repairing the front landing-gear doors of the DHC8-Q400 propjet shortly after the plane was manufactured in June 2005. According to the report, the bolt that was supposed to be attached to the landing-gear doors was missing from the plane. As a result, a tubular component called a bushing protruded about 1 cm from its position, obstructing the deployment of the front landing-gear doors. During their investigation in Canada, the investigators found that Bombardier workers had accidentally damaged the plane's front landing-gear doors while testing the gear's movement on June 16, 2005, just four days after the plane was built. Bombardier replaced part of the landing-gear doors, including the bushing, with a new one meant for a different plane, it said.  
Source: <http://telecom-expense-management-solutions.tmcnet.com/news/2008/05/27/3467847.htm>
12. *May 28, KOMO Seattle* – (Washington) **Boy tries to hop flight from Sea-Tac.** A Sea-Tac Airport spokesman said a minor made it through the security checkpoint but was stopped by personnel at a Southwest Airlines boarding gate and taken into custody by Port of Seattle Police. Airport officials said the boy did not have a ticket, nor had any luggage or identification, but somehow made it past the security checkpoint. A check of security tapes at the security checkpoint operated by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) showed the boy going through the screening process, such as passing through a metal detector. But TSA was investigating to see why he was not required to show a boarding pass, said a Northwest region spokesman for TSA in Salt Lake City. A ticket agent called Port of Seattle police, who escorted the boy away and took him home.  
Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/19286354.html>
13. *May 28, KOLO8 Reno* – (Nevada) **Plane makes emergency landing.** An "air-trans" cargo plane had to make an emergency landing in Reno shortly after midnight Wednesday. The plane touched down safely at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. Officials say the cause for the emergency landing was a fire that emerged in one of the plane's engines causing the plane to lose power. Emergency crews rushed to the scene once the plane had come to a stand still. Crew members escaped with little to no injury.  
Source: <http://www.kolotv.com/home/headlines/19312474.html>
14. *May 27, Associated Press* – (New York) **Plane makes emergency landing at JFK; no one hurt.** A Delta Air Lines plane carrying 139 passengers made an emergency landing at John F. Kennedy International Airport and officials say no one was hurt. A Delta Air

Lines spokesman says the crew received an indicator light warning of possible problems with the airplane's hydraulics, which power its wings and landing gear. The MD-88 plane was headed from Orlando, Florida, to LaGuardia Airport. The spokesman says the five-member crew decided to land at JFK as a precaution because JFK has a longer runway. The plane landed safely at 4:42 p.m. Monday. Officials say they are checking the plane's systems.

Source: <http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5gdFehzqpV5i-WJ6iFr6DrB6C9UWwD90TJ8200>

15. *May 27, WGAL 8 Lancaster* – (Pennsylvania) **Plane makes emergency landing at HIA.** A plane had to make an emergency landing Tuesday afternoon at Harrisburg International Airport. The 50-seat Delta regional jet took off from Wilkes-Barre and was headed to Atlanta when the pilot reported a problem with a flap on the wing. The crew decided to land the plane at HIA to check it out. No one was hurt.

Source: <http://www.wgal.com/news/16406230/detail.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

16. *May 27, Tri-Valley Herald* – (California) **Bomb threat puts Tracy military post on lockdown.** A suspicious package received Tuesday morning at the Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin in Tracy, California, had the site on lockdown for a few hours while it was investigated by the Explosive Ordinance Disposal unit from the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office. A suspicious package was received about 9 a.m. in Warehouse 3, which serves as the post's mail center, and discovered by an X-ray machine. About a half-hour later, the county's explosives experts were notified. Shortly before 12:45 p.m., the box was remotely viewed by the Explosive Ordinance Disposal unit and declared non-explosive, an official said. Inside the box, the bomb squad found two heat guns, several galvanized threaded pipes, toggle switches, and various nuts and bolts.

Source: [http://www.insidebayarea.com/trivalleyherald/localnews/ci\\_9396941](http://www.insidebayarea.com/trivalleyherald/localnews/ci_9396941)

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

17. *May 28, AllAboutFeed.net* – (National) **USDA reserves 24mln acres for animal feed.**

The U.S. Agriculture Department secretary has announced that the USDA has authorized certain acreage under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to be available for hay and forage after the primary nesting season ends for grass-nesting birds. "This action will provide much needed feed and forage while maintaining the conservation benefits from the nation's premier conservation program," he said. "Eligible farmers and ranchers will be able to plan for harvest of forage after the end of the primary nesting season this summer." Prices for most field crops have advanced to record or near record levels in recent months, reflecting strong demand, tight supplies, and competition for acres. The increased demand for commodities and resulting higher prices has impacted the livestock industry in particular, says the USDA. More than 24



million acres of land enrolled in CRP will be eligible for the feed use program. The USDA estimates that this will allow up to 18 million tons of forage worth \$1.2 billion.

Source: [http://www.allaboutfeed.net/news/id102-50703/usda\\_reserves\\_24mln\\_acres\\_for\\_animal\\_feed.html](http://www.allaboutfeed.net/news/id102-50703/usda_reserves_24mln_acres_for_animal_feed.html)

18. *May 28, Farm Futures* – (National) **New farm bill will be implemented by USDA.**

Last week, the deputy secretary of the U.S. Agriculture Department was calling the new Farm Bill unacceptable, irresponsible, and bad policy. But with Congress overriding the presidential veto and most of the bill becoming law, the deputy secretary says the administration's poor opinion of the bill will not affect its implementation.

Source:

<http://www.farmfutures.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=CD26BEDECA4A4946A1283CC7786AEB5A&nm=News&type=news&mod=News&mid=9A02E3B96F2A415ABC72CB5F516B4C10&tier=3&nid=1B3287674A4E44798BF19126A33FD65B>

19. *May 27, The Day* – (National) **No problems reported after contaminated beef scare at base.**

A beef scare at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Massachusetts, and at military bases around the country has passed without incident, a base spokesman said. The U.S. Department of Defense on May 15 issued a voluntary recall on all 85-percent lean ground beef sold at ten military stores after lab tests on beef from one supplier showed possible E. coli contamination. The recall was issued for beef sold in the military's stores in the Groton sub base and in Fort Monmouth and Lakehurst Navy Base, both in New Jersey; Great Lakes, Illinois; Fort McCoy, Wisconsin; Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia; Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Fort Carson, Colorado; and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Source: <http://www.theday.com/re.aspx?re=47f89a93-fb1e-4e17-8440-e0ed40c721e0>

20. *May 27, Chicago Tribune* – (National) **2 illegally imported honey, officials say.** Two Chicago executives have been charged with conspiring to illegally import honey from China, federal authorities announced Tuesday. They were accused of knowingly bringing in honey contaminated with an antibiotic banned by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, according to the U.S. attorney's office. Prosecutors said the honey was mislabeled as coming from other countries. No illnesses resulted, authorities said, but some of the honey was sold to a Texas company.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chicago/chi-illegal-honey-28may28,0,7463311.story>

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## **Water Sector**

21. *May 28, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Money dispute threatens toxic tap water study.** Continuation of a long-running government study on whether contaminated water harmed babies at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, hinges on a half-million-dollar payment that is due Sunday. The Marines estimate that 500,000 Camp Lejeune residents may have been exposed to the tainted water, including thousands of Vietnam-bound Marines. Federal health investigators estimate the number is higher. The U.S. health

agency conducting the study, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, said its research would be jeopardized if the Navy does not pay \$522,000 to keep the study going beyond Sunday. Health problems blamed on Camp Lejeune's contaminated water were the focus of reporting by the Associated Press in June 2007 and congressional oversight hearings.

Source:

<http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5iOPLMk2PMrFDcjIp0O5qJUQyEvwQD90UHMF00>

22. *May 27, Salinas Californian* – (California) **Nine of 10 tests show Las Lomas water clear of mercury.** A second round of tests on a Las Lomas water system came back negative for mercury in 90 percent of the samples analyzed, a California Water Service Co. said. The latest round of testing on water samples taken during the weekend showed Tuesday "non-detect" levels of the metal in nine out of 10 samples in the water system, with one test coming back positive for mercury contamination, according to the company. More tests are expected this week after water company workers noticed Saturday a water storage tank had been tampered with. Workers noticed the tank's ladder lock was missing and the hatch at the top had been forced opened.

Source:

<http://thecalifornian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080527/NEWS01/80527023/1002>

23. *May 27, Environmental Protection Agency* – (New Hampshire) **Agreement sets stage for clean up of Dover, N.H. landfill superfund site.** A new consent decree for the Dover Landfill Superfund site clears the way for continued clean up work and better environmental protection, including groundwater remediation, at the site. The consent decree is subject to a 30 day public review and comment period. The Dover Municipal Landfill Superfund Site, located in Dover, New Hampshire, is a 50-acre uncapped landfill. Ground water beneath the site is contaminated with arsenic and organic compounds, and contamination extends beyond the landfill boundaries, north and eastward to the Cocheco River and south toward the Bellamy Reservoir. Currently, there are no exposure pathways that pose a hazard to the public or environment. Ground water contamination, however, may pose a threat to public water supplies if not addressed.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/de175765f38ac6168525745600702cd8?OpenDocument>

24. *May 27, East Valley Tribune* – (Arizona) **Johnson Utilities must post warnings near spill.** Johnson Utilities has been ordered to post warning signs near standing water in Queen Creek Wash where the company has spilled thousands of gallons of raw sewage. A letter last week from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to Johnson Utilities' Vice President ordered the company to post bright, bold-lettered signs around the Pecan Water Reclamation Plant because water samples showed excessive levels of fecal coliform and E. coli in standing water located in the wash. Residents of Pecan Creek expressed concern over safety and health issues with the raw sewage spill. Several residents said they saw sewage bubbling up from manhole covers and oozing



into the wash and their streets.

Source: <http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/story/117230>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

25. *May 28, Associated Press* – (National) **Gut superbug causing more illnesses, deaths.**

The number of people hospitalized with *Clostridium difficile* (C-diff), a dangerous intestinal superbug, has been growing by more than 10,000 cases a year, according to a new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study. The germ, resistant to some antibiotics, has become a regular menace in hospitals and nursing homes. The study found it played a role in nearly 300,000 hospitalizations in 2005, more than double the number in 2000. The infection is found in the colon and can cause diarrhea and a more serious intestinal condition known as colitis. It is spread by spores in feces. But the spores are difficult to kill with most conventional household cleaners or antibacterial soap. It has grown resistant to certain antibiotics that work against other colon bacteria. The result: When patients take those antibiotics, competing bacteria die off and C-diff explodes. This virulent strain of C-diff was rarely seen before 2000.

Source:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080528/ap\\_on\\_he\\_me/deadly\\_bacteria;\\_ylt=AgaeQapvM9jvli79v5s9hQ2s0NUE](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080528/ap_on_he_me/deadly_bacteria;_ylt=AgaeQapvM9jvli79v5s9hQ2s0NUE)

26. *May 27, Reuters* – (National) **FDA official sees some delays over safety.** A new focus on drug safety is delaying the approval of some medicines as regulators impose requirements meant to minimize side effects, a top U.S. health official told Reuters on Tuesday. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gained new powers in March to require distribution limits or other restrictions on the sale of new medicines. “That’s taking a considerable amount of time more for every application. That will go away in time,” the director of FDA’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research said. At present, the process is adding days or weeks to reviews of drugs that need the additional safety measures, she said. A hiring effort now underway should help ease the workload, she added. While the agency is focusing on the safety of products already on the market, the director said there is growing concern about the increasing number of clinical trials being conducted outside the U.S. FDA inspectors visit research sites to ensure proper records and data collection. But with more drug-makers moving trials to China, Eastern Europe, and other regions, “it’s much harder for us to get there,” she said. The agency already faces a budgetary squeeze in the face of other safety demands. U.S. lawmakers are considering providing additional funds for manufacturing inspections in other countries but have so far not targeted clinical trial inspections.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/newsOne/idUSN2739064620080527?sp=true>

27. *May 27, Telegraph.co.uk* – (International) **Scientists warn of bird flu epidemic.** A strain of bird flu has moved a step closer to developing the traits required to create an epidemic of the disease in humans, scientists warned on Monday. Researchers who analyzed samples of recent avian flu viruses found that a strain of the virus called H7N2 had adapted slightly better to living in mammals. Tests on ferrets proved the strain could

be passed between animals, but scientists said the evidence suggested that bird flu could be transmitted between humans. A microbiologist with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said: “The finding underscores the necessity for continued surveillance and study of these viruses as they continue to resemble viruses with pandemic potential.” The virus tested on the ferrets – a standard animal model of flu in humans – was isolated from a man in New York in 2003, where it thrived on the same sugars found in the human windpipe. The scientists said the virus could be evolving toward the same strong sugar-binding properties of the three worldwide viral pandemics in 1918, 1957, and 1968.

Source:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/2035638/Scientists-warn-of-bird-flu-epidemic.html>

28. *May 27, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **New law hopes to contain MRSA.** A new law in Tennessee requires every person admitted to a health care facility to be tested for methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). The new law is aimed at trying to control the spread of staph infections. MRSA hospitalizes nearly 2,000 Tennesseans every year. It is easily spread, and may only take contact with an infected person or a contaminated surface. After passing the state legislature, it was signed into law last week. The new law also states that a facility can not deny or delay admitting a patient if they have tested positive for the disease.

Source: <http://www.wsmv.com/health/16402541/detail.html>

29. *May 26, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Flu shots leave an age gap.** Researchers in Maryland are currently studying why flu shots so often do not help the elderly. No matter how many people are vaccinated and what recipe drug makers use to formulate the flu vaccine each year, it generally works in only 30 percent to 40 percent of those over 65 – compared with 80 percent to 90 percent of younger adults, experts say. Doctors gauge a vaccine’s effectiveness by examining blood levels of the antibodies our bodies produce after receiving it. They say older bodies have more trouble producing the antibodies than younger ones, even with a push from flu vaccine, so they are working on a more potent version of today’s shots for older patients. Flu has hospitalized at least 800 people in Maryland since the season began in October, about 30 percent of them children, according to state health officials.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/health/bal-te.flu26may26,0,182765.story>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

30. *May 27, WINS 1010* – (Connecticut) **Danbury schools evacuated after bomb threats.** All city private, public and parochial schools in Danbury, Connecticut, closed early Tuesday after police received two bomb threats. The latter was more specific and credible, the Danbury associate superintendent said. In that one, an adult caller said a liquid explosive would release toxic gas into the air. The News-Times reported that “a device” had been found at the King Street Intermediate school but had been deemed a fake. Danbury High School was clear of any explosive devices. All city schools were

checked for anything suspicious as a precaution.

Source: <http://www.1010wins.com/Danbury-Schools-Evacuated-after-Bomb-Threats/2257800>

31. *May 27, WLWT 5 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Mason parents panic following false alarm.** A disaster drill at an Ohio school went wrong Tuesday when officials failed to notify parents of some important information. Parents were notified by telephone of a boiler explosion at Mason Heights Elementary, but school officials did not make clear that the disaster was not real. About 100 frantic parents arrived at the school to pick up their children after the school's public information officer activated a two telephone-call notification process. However, a school official said she made the calls in reverse order, which first alerted parents to the disaster but only later sending the test notification. School officials said they sent parents an e-mail about the drill and also sent home letters with students, but many parents said they never received those.  
Source: <http://www.wlwt.com/news/16405942/detail.html>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

32. *May 28, Santa Cruz Sentinel* – (California) **Santa Cruz to ask voters to approve 911 tax in August.** Santa Cruz voters will decide in a mail-in election in August whether to charge themselves \$3.49 per phone line to pay for 911 services. The tax would replace the \$1.81 per land or cell phone line that the city previously charged, but which an appellate court ruled unconstitutional a few weeks ago because it was not voter-approved. It would also pay for upgraded emergency communication equipment, as required by the federal government after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. If the new tax does not meet voter approval, the city could lose \$1.2 million from its \$75 million budget, said the assistant city manager. The money could be taken from the county's emergency response center, or the city could have less to spend on staff salaries, parks, and police.  
Source: [http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci\\_9400752](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci_9400752)
33. *May 28, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **Second evacuation drill planned after glitch last month.** Vermont will be conducting a second school evacuation drill around the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant on Wednesday, after a radio glitch caused problems with last month's drill. During the April exercise, faltering two-way radios meant many buses were not dispatched to assisted living facilities and day care centers. A Vermont Emergency Management spokesman says the radios have been replaced with ones suitable for the terrain in the six towns participating. Wednesday's drill will test the ability of local and state emergency responders to evacuate schools and day care and health care centers in the event of an emergency at Vermont Yankee. More than 100 responders, local officials, and volunteers are expected to participate.  
Source:  
<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080528/NEWS/80528005/1001/NEWS>

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## Information Technology

34. *May 28, Silicon Republic* – (International) **‘Digital 9/11’ unless EU network security heightened.** Europe is in danger of experiencing a ‘digital 9/11’ if problems in national security approaches are not addressed, a European IT security organization has warned. ENISA, the EU Agency for European Network and Information Security, outlined some of the dangers posed by cyber attacks, spam and social networking misuse in its summary of its General Report 2007. The agency said EU member states have a long way to go to safeguard the European digital economy. It said that while spam cost business €64.5bn in 2007, double the figure for 2005, the fact that only 6 percent of spam reaches mailboxes gives the false impression that the problem is under control. However, ENISA noted that spam is growing in quantity, size and bandwidth and remains a costly problem, with the unseen 94 percent being an invisible part of the ‘iceberg.’ “Europe must take security threats more seriously and invest more resources in network and information security,” said the executive director at ENISA. “ENISA calls for the EU to introduce mandatory reporting on security breaches and incidents for business, just as the US has already done.” “The member states should undertake concerted efforts to reduce the imbalances in security levels, through more cross-border co-operation. ENISA is confident that the need for secure networks to safeguard the European economy is a distinct driving force for member states to co-operate more closely,” he added.

Source: <http://www.siliconrepublic.com/news/news.nv?storyid=single11127>

35. *May 27, IDG News Service* – (National) **New Adobe flaw being used in attacks, says Symantec.** An unpatched bug in Adobe Systems’ Flash Player software is being exploited by online criminals, Symantec reported Monday. Few details on the bug are available, but the flaw lies in the latest version of the Adobe Flash Player browser plugin, which is widely used by Internet surfers to view animated Web pages. The flaw affects both the recently released Flash Player version 9.0.124 .0 and version 9.0.115.0, according to an advisory posted Monday to Symantec’s Security Focus Web site. The flaw lets attackers run unauthorized software on the PC, and if the attack fails for some reason it will likely crash the browser, Security Focus said. Symantec is not aware of any vendor-supplied patches for the flaw, the advisory states. Flash bugs have lately been a favorite of attackers. Adobe last month patched seven bugs in Flash Player, including the one that allowed a hacker to win a laptop and US\$5,000 for hacking into a Windows Vista machine in a March contest at the CanSecWest security conference. In January, Adobe and other Web-development-tool vendors had to fix bugs in their development tools that created buggy Shockwave Flash (.swf) files that could be exploited in a cross-site scripting attack. This attack can be used by phishers, but it also gives the bad guys a nearly undetectable route into a victim’s bank account or almost any type of Web service.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2008/052708-new-adobe-flaw-being-used.html>

36. *May 27, Security Focus* – (International) **Microsoft: Kraken nearly Storm’s size.** While researchers have disagreed as to the size and importance of the Kraken botnet, the

malicious software has compromised roughly the same number of computers as a more famous bot program, Storm, Microsoft's security response team stated last week in a blog post. Early data from Microsoft's Malicious Software Removal Tool indicates that the Kraken botnet, which the company refers to as Oderoor, reached about 80 percent of the size of the Storm botnet, the team stated. In the first week following the inclusion of Kraken into its Malicious Software Removal Tool, Microsoft detected nearly 464,000 instances of the program and cleaned 254,000 machines. For the Storm Worm, which Microsoft refers to as Nuwar, the company detected 537,000 copies and deleted the program from nearly 320,000 machines in its first week.

Source: <http://www.securityfocus.com/brief/743?ref=rss>

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## Communications Sector

37. *May 27, Computerworld Singapore* – (International) **IT managers daunted by mobile device security.** IT managers are reluctant to take on the responsibility of managing the mobile devices that employees are increasingly using and integrating with enterprise applications, according to a new report by Datamonitor in London. The report "Enterprise Mobility: Trend Analysis to 2012" also predicts global enterprise expenditures on mobile devices. According to the study, mobile devices will grow from \$6 billion today to an estimated \$17 billion by 2012. The report highlights that this kind of growth underlines the need for IT managers to begin to implement mobile device policies. "Enterprises are fighting a losing battle against employees when it comes to mobile devices, and they should consider supporting a limited selection of devices rather than banning them outright," said an analyst at Datamonitor and the report's author. Security concerns are the largest barrier to mobility deployments, according to the author. In March 2007, Datamonitor conducted a survey of 467 IT managers, CIOs and IT decision-makers to establish issues that are currently preventing enterprises from investing in mobility products. It found that the majority of the respondents rated security as the greatest barrier to adopting those products. According to the study, as mobile devices like the iPhone are increasingly becoming popular among end users, enterprises are finding that employees want to be able to integrate their personal devices with their corporate e-mail account and other applications. They do not want one device for personal use and an IT-issued device for work. However, according to the report, so far very few IT departments have yielded to these changing scenarios and are refusing to be responsible for managing such a wide variety of mobile devices.

Source:

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

38. *May 27, Deseret News* – (Utah) **Bomb scare cancels services at West Valley church.**

Officers are investigating a possible hate crime targeting the Jehovah's Witness church in West Valley City, Utah. Worshippers Monday evening found a briefcase outside the church bearing a note that read "Careful, bomb inside," in Spanish. Services were canceled and police were called, said a West Valley Police official. The bomb squad and its robot found only religious papers inside, but the items were taken into police custody for further inspection, he said. Investigators do not know whether the note and case were placed separately.

Source: <http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,700229435,00.html>

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Dams Sector**

39. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Fort Wayne needs \$2 million to repair dam.**

The city is considering how to raise \$2 million to repair concrete surfaces on a St. Joseph River dam, which are showing signs of wear. The dam is structurally sound, but there is superficial flaking of concrete and "delamination" of concrete. A thorough inspection last year by consultant C.E. Solutions of Carmel showed that "it's in good structural condition," a city utilities engineer said. The concrete seals the 1930s-era dam's steel, preserving it against deterioration. Tearing off old concrete and replacing it with new material will keep the protection for the steel intact. Engineering work for the project will start soon. The dam helps regulate the flow of the St. Joseph River, from which Fort Wayne draws its drinking water.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-in-fortwaynedam,0,5553475.story>

40. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Rising lake prompts state assessment of earthen dam in Warren County.** The Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Warren County officials are assessing an earthen dam near the Innsbrook Estates resort after a broken pipe caused a rise in a lake. Contrary to some reports, an Innsbrook spokeswoman said the Alpine Dam was apparently in no danger of breaking. She said there were no evacuations planned and the situation was under control. A dispatcher at the Warren County Sheriff's Department said officials were on the scene and were not available to comment. Emergency management officials urged residents below the dam to be prepared to move to higher ground. The incident began when an overflow pipe



used to maintain the correct level of Lake Alpine broke. To fix the problem temporarily, an intake pipe was plugged and water was redirected to a secondary spillway. The spillway was built just for this sort of instances.

Source: <http://www.columbiamissourian.com/stories/2008/05/27/rising-lake-prompts-state-assessment-earthen-dam-w/>

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